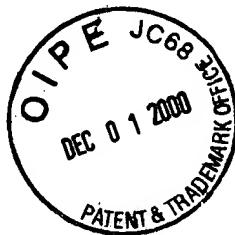


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**FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

Please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Amend claim 8 as follows:

-- 8. A method of minimizing oil or fat accumulation as body fat comprising  
ingesting an oil or fat composition at least 85% by mass of which are triglycerides  
wherein the ratio of medium-chain fatty acids in all the fatty acids as constituents of the  
oil or fat composition is 5 to 23% by mass, the ratio of triglycerides having two medium-  
chain fatty acid residues in the molecule in all the triglycerides is 1 to 20% by mass, and  
the ratio of long-chain saturated fatty acids in all the long-chain fatty acids [comprising]  
as constituents of the oil or fat composition is 20% by mass or less.

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